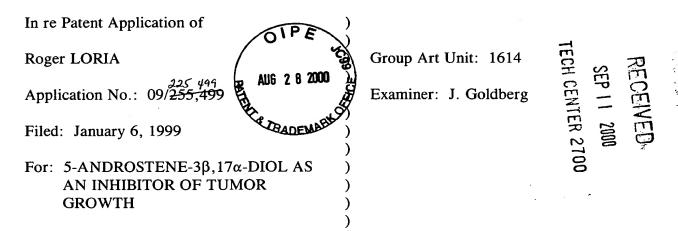
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed April 26, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

15. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising [a tumor proliferation inhibiting effective amount of] 5-androstene- 3β , 17α - diol or an ester or ether thereof of the formula: